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Inventorship.....Kuller et al.
5 Applicant.....Hewlett-Packard Company
Group Art Unit2833
Examiner Figueroa, F.
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Title: Coupling Assembly Systems and Related Methods

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10 RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED, 11/14/2002

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

20 Claims 25-36 are cancelled.

Clean Version Of The Pending Claims Under 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(3):

Claims 1-24, now pending, are submitted below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3), which presents a clean version of the entire set of pending claims in this single amendment paper.

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1. A coupling assembly, comprising:

at least one signal carrying component capable of being coupled with a corresponding receptacle; and,

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- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")
() Other: _____ (fee \$ _____)

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(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$400.00	3RD MONTH \$920.00	4TH MONTH \$1440.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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